

COLORADO METHAMPHETAMINE TASK FORCE

Meeting September 25, 2009

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Chair – Attorney General John Suthers

Vice –Chairs:

- *Treatment* – Janet Wood, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, CDHS
- *Prevention* – José Esquibel, Director, Interagency Prevention Systems, CDPHE
- *Law Enforcement* – Lori Moriarty, Retired Commander, Thornton Police, Department, North Metro Drug Task Force

Task Force Members Present: Janet Wood; José Esquibel; Jeannie Smith; Leslie Herod; Tim Griffin; Jade Thomas; Dan Rubinstein; Carmelita Muniz; Dana Wilks for Tom Quinn; Wayne Maxwell; Jerry Garner; Kathryn Wells; Lloyd Malone; Debra Campeau; Chele Clark

Guests: Kent MacLennan; Brett Kessler; Stella Hicks; Dennis Dahlke; Colleen Brisnehan; Jenny Corvalan-Wood; Lilas Rajae-Moore; Sgt. Steve Addison; Anne Marlow-Geter; Christine Agosta; Charles Davis; Shane Bahr; Adam Uddin; Stephan Holloway

Introductions:

Co-Chair Janet Wood started the meeting on behalf of Attorney General John Suthers.

Review and Approval of minutes: The minutes from July 24, 2009 were moved and approved.

Announcements from Task Force:

Debra Campeau – The 4th Annual Meth Symposium was held in Colorado Springs, Jade Thomas was in attendance and meet with a number of the community members.

Janet Wood – In Washington DC, one of the winners of the National Science Fair discovered that when bodies of meth users are discovered in the desert, the bodies were not touch by animals.

Jeannie Smith– Criminal Justice Drug Policy Committee is looking at the Title 18 statues to make recommendations. The committee is reviewing the statue looking into the activities of the drugs and not just the drugs themselves. Recommendations will be taken to the legislation to look at developing and passing new policies. At this time there is nothing for drug and endanger children being addressed. If you wan to add any thing let the group know.

Tim Griffin – CWISE system is up and running. Officers statewide have had training. Jade and Tim presented at Spokane the system was well received.

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Wayne Maxwell—The Mental Health and Substance Abuse work have blended, we have combined the systems. On Monday there will be an open house and a dedication to the building to Merle Evans at 11:00am Monday, all are welcome to attend.

Jerry Gartner – That state government is planning on releasing a number of criminals before their time is completed. We know we will be having issues and we are trying to gear up for this. This population is being tracked within the new system.

Jade Thomas – The 1st Annual Colorado DEC Conference is being held in Vail, October 15-16, 2009. Currently there are about 75 attendees registered. Please join us.

Carmelita Muniz – The committee on health did recommend the SBIRT bill. The language is being developed currently. Private insurance companies are now paying for this screening due in part to the results that are being documented by the screenings.

Janet Wood – Colorado is one of 3 states that received this grant. The grant is worth \$3.2 million dollars per year for 5 years. The interagency groups were instrumental in getting this grant.

Kent MacLennan - Colorado Meth Project is currently getting more in-depth outreach into schools. Boys and Girls clubs are now part of this effort and we are working in a number of communities. Nov 30th is national meth day. More media exposure is planned.

José Esquibel -We held a Substance Abuse and Health Care Community Summit. A lot of good work is being done and will continue to be done. Susan Foster presented and was well received. There is an effort to continue to work at policy changes so that money is flowing into prevention. SBIRT was well received

The Nation Drug czar was in town. We were able to give him a copy of the Colorado Blueprint to share with the president. He was very open to hear our ideas and materials were given to him to give to his staff. Oct 5-7th he will be coming back and will be doing another meeting. At the national level they are trying to understand what we are doing.

Kathy Wells – Attended the summit and there was a good marriage of health care; community; and treatment represented. The summit was very well done and a lot of good discussions took place.

Child Welfare Action Committee

Lloyd Malone, Director, Division of Child Welfare

The *Interim Report of the Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee* is available on the web site,

(<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/pdfs/Final%20Interim%20Report%20Oct%2008.pdf>) and

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was presented on June 3rd. This report was a result of the stream of child fatalities in fall of 2007. One of the outcomes was to create reform to the Child Welfare. The Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee was created, with executive order B 006 08.

- Updates from the committee
 - April 16, 2008, the Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee was established
 - Mission is to provide recommendations to the Governor to improve the child welfare system using data and evidence of best practices
 - With the ultimate goal of reducing neglect, injury and fatality rates for Colorado children
 - The Action Committee is authorized for 18 months with 25 voting members that were appointed by the Governor
 - Recommendations contained in the committees reports shall only be adopted upon a two-thirds vote (17) of the committee members
 - Reports are due October 31, 2008 and a final report is due December 31, 2009
 - The Action Committee will provide policy, budgetary and legislative recommendations.
- Scope of the Action Committee
 - Analyzing the state-county organizational capacity and structure to determine whether this system is most effective for protecting children
 - Examining the quality and quantity of training that child care professional should receive when working in the child protection field
 - Evaluating public access to state-county human service department
 - Exploring the role that independent oversight committees can plan in ensuring that human service agency are held accountable for actions
 - Developing recommendations as to how public/private partnership can improve the services and care provided to children in the child welfare system
 - Reviewing evidence-based best practice standards to the extent possible when recommending changes to the system
- Subcommittees of the Child Welfare Action Committee
 - This subcommittee will evaluate the workforce needs of the state and counties; study the strengths and challenges of the state/county system; make recommendations regarding improving the current system or creating a new system; and develop a statewide workload analysis.
 - Child and Family Outcomes: This subcommittee will develop core outcomes/performance indicators; establish an analytical framework for public child welfare; identify basic practice domains and service arrays necessary to meet the needs of children and families served by public child welfare; consider progressive incentives and sanctions based on performance, and define accountability mechanisms for consumers.

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- Training: This subcommittee will identify core and advanced training curricula for caseworkers and casework supervisors; identify a process to recruit, train and retain a competent, credentialed workforce; and consider a Training Academy for these purposes that joins the efforts of public child welfare, public institutions of higher education, and experts in the field.
- Cultural Competency: This subcommittee will identify the underlying issues of disproportionate representation and disparate outcomes for children of color, and enhance the cultural competency of caseworkers, supervisors, providers and the courts.
- Recommendations
 - Mandatory Reporters of Child Maltreatment
 - Quality Assurance and State Leadership on Cultural and Diversity Issues
 - Pre-service Training for Child Welfare, Caseworkers, Supervisors and Case Aides
 - Pre-Service Training for Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline Staff
 - Expansion of the Child Welfare Educational Stipend Program
 - Evaluation of Training Effectiveness
 - Domestic Violence Representation in Collaborative management Programs
 - Assessing Domestic Violence in Child Abuse/Neglect Reports
 - Utilizing Judicial Reports
 - Utilize Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Reserves to Support Domestic Violence Intervention & Prevention
 - Child Welfare organizational Study & Workload Analysis
 - Child Welfare Division Research & Performance Improvement Team
 - Oversight of Counties Compliance & Workload Study
 - Youth Will be Prepared for Emancipation
 - Provide Increase Support to Kinship Caregivers
 - Funding Strategy to Support Safety Assessment Instrument Training

One of the things people can do is to look at the committee membership. We had public representation on the committee and there was a real effort to bring in all facets of the population. We need to create a System of Care across the state so that the care that children and families receive is the same cares no matter where they live in the state.

It will be a 1 to 2 year planning process if the plan is approved. A number of players will need to come to the table to make this work.

Comments:

- So many changes have already been implanted. There are tools being created and put into place that will help with this.
- Treatment does need to be at the table to make these changes. A lot of the groups are working on the same issues at different places and times. We must share data and information.

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- Those of us in state roles need to continue to work across agencies
- Make this a behavioral health issue not just a child abuse, violent abuse, etc. We are aware that this is a issue
- Doing this work, when the budget has been cut, the governor and his staff have continued to support the change the child welfare and we have not been cut.
- The governor continues to support this issue and is looking at this report to see what can continue to be done.
- Substance abuse and health care. Behavioral health is important to the governor. He is supporting to continue to bring this issue upfront.

Senate Bill 60 Follow-up –

Colleen Brisnehan, Environment Cleanup Specialist, CDPHE

- The Bill did two things:
 - Changed the definition of “Illegal Drug Laboratory” to include use.
 - Gave the Board of Health the authority to set forth the procedures and standards to be used for testing properties during a Real Estate transaction.
- These changes need to be incorporated into the meth lab cleanup regulation; however, until that is done, the current regulation adequately provides for these issues.
- The reg has already been used for cleanup of properties contaminated by use because there is currently no way to prove that there was never manufacturing. The Bill simply formalizes this.
 - Research is still needed to determine whether or not we can distinguish use only from manufacturing.
 - If this can be done, can a more streamline and cost effective cleanup process be used?
- We previously developed a draft “Screening Assessment Protocol” that can be used for Real Estate transactions.
 - This was developed with a small group of stakeholders and incorporated into a draft revision of our guidance document.
 - This draft protocol is being used by many IHs conducting Real Estate related assessments.
 - Additional stakeholder input on this draft protocol will be solicited during the rulemaking process.

Additional Revisions

We will also be incorporating other changes and updates not specifically required by SB 09-060.

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- We are re-evaluating our cleanup standard (0.5 ug/100cm²) in light of the recent work by California and their proposed cleanup standard of 1.5 ug/100cm².
 - Our toxicologist is currently recommending that we keep our standard at 0.5 ug/100cm²
 - We may establish higher allowable concentrations in areas of low or no occupancy, or on surfaces that will be encapsulated after cleaning and testing.
- We are considering adding a variance procedure to the regulation that would allow for site specific variations from requirements, as long as they are protective. This would require concurrence of the IH, the Governing Body, and CDPHE.
- Presumptive remedies for certain types of personal property, based on material type and use.
 - Consider low exposure, high value items.
 - Reduce or eliminate testing for easily cleanable (non-porous) items.
 - Reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills.
- General corrections and clarifications.

Innovative Approaches to Stimulant Recovery & Public Safety

Lilas Rajae-Moore, Director, Denver Juvenile and Family Justice TASC

Treatment Accountability for Safe Communities Project started in the 70's but Colorado didn't start until the 1990's. In 1998 we were very well coordinated to move this into the drug courts including the family drug court.

In 2006, Lilas was invited to attend a meeting to look at systems including the DEC. It was noticed that girls clean up during their pregnancies and are dropped from the system, their babies are born and the girls go back onto drugs and the cycle starts all over again. We need to look into prevention, treatment and safety issues.

Meth Prevention Initiative was started with a grant and Kempe did a study. We only had interest in mothers with children but were not involved with child welfare. Child welfare cannot be solely involved in childcare. Everyone needs to be involved. We have a group of workers at the Kempe centers and we provide services. We work with the law enforcement to help with this work.

Sgt. Addison, Denver Police Dept, Law Enforcement Advocate Supervisor.

- We are relentless in our work to create this. We are trying to build relationships with the children and family members. We are working with the Youth Development Court and the team supports all working with the juveniles.

Positive aspects of the Law Enforcement Advocate Program for Officers:

- “making a difference in my community and peoples lives”

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- The cops that do this do it because they want to make a difference, they are only paid for about 10 hours a week but you will work for about 20 hours
- We need dedicated cops to work with the clients. The clients see us as the cop! We need to see us as a friend and then a cop. We keep their friends away. The clients start to see the cop as a friend and we are able to explain other items.
- They can't fire the cop off the case.
- We have influence on the next generation.

How the justice initiative for Drug Endangered Families and the Law Enforcement Advocate Program Increase Public Safety and Child Protection - The invisible victims of drug endangered families are identified, protected, engaged, treated and the general cycle of drug abuse and mistrust of law enforcement

- Everything we do is grant funded. Last year we were \$4.8 million and this week we just received another 4 million dollars.

Comments:

Funding – does this allow for evaluation? Yes

What is the law enforcement part of this?

What are recommendations that this group can move forward on?

Can you share some of the reports with this group? We are going to be recognized see second paragraph on the back page.

Any Anticipated Meth Legislation

Co-Chair Janet Wood

Discussion on adding new membership: We would have to change the legislation to change the composition. What does this group think? We are looking to add 5 – 7 additional people to this group. Stella would be happy to help with this issue. We are looking at the different task force that we all belong to what is needed to do this? This task force is very important and do we want to continue to do this. Maybe the core team needs to look at this first? If we have people that are interested how do we include them?

If you are interested in being part of this group, sign in and you are included in the minutes and meetings. If there are folks that want to attend have them come and visit. If we need to include that area in the legislation, then we can look at

Cataloguing Current Meth Legislation for Review

Co-Chair Esquibel

In January we will start this. What does the legislation need to have done? One of the best ways to do this is ask who did this. Ask other states that have passed laws for their language, we may want see what is out there. Legislation Council is also available to follow up with this request. They can gather the statute information. We will follow up with the new representative to do this.

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Substance Abuse Data Dashboard:

Co-Chair, José Esquibel and Anne Marlow-Geter, CDPHE

6 domains were used for the APIRE Dashboard Structure with an additional 4 or 5 domains being reviewed. The 6 domains are: Treatment Admissions; Mortality; Filing Data; Hospital Discharge; Emergency Department Visits; and Federal Drug Seizures.

Reactions to the list:

TRAILS is not able to be accessed to pull data for children and family. It is not unreasonable to request this. Build in a stop that people can't move forward entering data until all fields are included. TRAILS need to be redesigned. Should everyone send in a request to ask for changing this?

Data sharing is being looked into at the governor's level. OIT is working on some of this component.

There has been a request made to TRAILS to make recommendations. José will work with the data group.

Three areas that are looking for data sharing

Meth summit planning committee

TRAILS

National Meth Summit Team

Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Co-Chair, Janet Wood

This group met yesterday and is working with 3 other work groups. This work will go to legislation early next month and be voted in early Nov. Nov 18th. Janet will report out regarding SB 286. We are currently working on the recommendations and will be sharing them to you. We are doing a rewrite of SB1818 and her subset is working on the treatment end of it. We need to remember the jails and how do we work with them to do treatment. Completely revamp of the statutes.

The 4 group are: 1) Overall policy – 2) Treatment – 3) Statutory Policy – 4) DUI

They break down into 4 categories

Level one

Level 2 offenses

Level 3 offenses

Level 4 offenses

Level 3 is where the most changes will take place. The biggest push is the move some of the dollars from jail to treatment. We need to have mandated reporting and standardized performance measures of treatment programs and to increase supervision of offenders.

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This is a wonderful opportunity to work together and have everyone involved with treatment at the table. Recognition of employment is important. Medical marijuana is not going to be part of this

National Methamphetamine Summit Action Plan:

Co-Chair Janet Wood

Next meeting is immediately following this. Two systems will be collecting demo information. We have submitted a request for T/TA to do training. We are getting money from SAMSA to hold a train the training sessions. We have summated a formal request for this training.

Perinatal Subcommittee/Substance Exposed Newborn

Jade Thomas, Executive Director, CO DEC, Kathryn Wells, MD, Denver Health

We had a great meeting! We are the only state that is taking this broad approach to this problem. We are taking the information and compiling it into 3 or 4 issues that this group will work with. We are planning on keeping this small and keep it moving forward. We are currently working on a timeline.

Collection of Best Practices Information

Co-Chair José Esquibel

Thank you all for taking the survey and the data is currently being done.

Next Meeting

November 20, 2009, 10:00am – 1:00pm

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